

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 2 and 4-6 have been amended, and claim 1 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 2-6 are pending in the present application.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2 and 3. In response, Applicant has amended claim 2 to be in independent form so as to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In addition, Applicant has also amended claims 4-6 to be dependent upon allowable claim 2. Accordingly, claims 2-6 are in condition for allowance, notification of which is respectfully requested.

With the canceling of claim 1 and the amending of claims 4-6 to be dependent upon allowable claim 2, all prior art rejections have been rendered moot.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration of the amendments to claims 2 and 4-6, and allowance of the present application with claims 2-6 is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

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